

"What's become of all the young men Miss Port used to have in her train?"

"Oh, one by one, they switched off."

Youthful father: Our baby is beginning to recite "Baa, baa black sheep, have you any wool?"

Neighbor: And he's only eight months old?

Father: Well he doesn't say all of it yet, but he's got as far as the baa baa.

NEWS NOTES

The Misses Marie Dahli, Mona and Dona Palmer are leaving at the week end for Lacombe, where they will teach school.

Mrs. Goldie Schoultz and children are leaving soon for Grande Prairie to make their home. Mrs. Schoultz has been transferred to the Treasury Branch there.

Lethbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter

SEEDING CRESTED WHEAT GRASS

Crested wheatgrass is probably the most dependable cultivated forage crop which can be grown in the drier areas of Alberta. It is very drought resistant, starts growth early in the spring, and possesses the ability to "green up" after fall rains. All in all, it is an excellent grass for either hay or pasture purposes, and under favorable conditions will produce a good seed crop.

Extensive trials conducted throughout southern Alberta have indicated that the best time to seed crested wheatgrass is from August 15 to September 15. When seeding is done at this time the grass has a chance to make some growth before winter. If grasshoppers are prevalent, however, it is best to delay seeding until early the following spring. Successful stands have been obtained at both dates.

The rate of seeding will depend somewhat on the use to be made of the field. If for pasture, a rate of from eight to ten pounds per acre is used. This results in a heavier stand which produces fewer seed stems and is more readily eaten by stock. For hay production, a rate of six pounds per acre results in higher yields. Growth is usually slightly coarser than when higher rates are used, but good quality hay can be obtained from fields sown at these lighter rates.

Shallow seeding is very important when crested wheat grass is being drilled into a field. From one half to three-quarters of an inch is the optimum depth of seeding. For this

reason a firm seed bed is a necessity and in addition it may be necessary to take most of the pressure off the drill runs.

Because the young seedlings of crested wheatgrass requires shade to produce its best growth it is recommended that seeding be done directly into stands of annual weeds or stubble without previous cultivation.

SHOES NOT SANITARY DECLARES FOOT EXPERT

"The shoe is the most unsanitary article of body covering in existence," according to Dr. Felton O. Gamble, foot expert.

"There is heat, darkness and moisture—the same conditions that produce mould on cheese or bread," Gamble told a meeting of the Southern Chiropractic Congress.

That is why so many people have athlete's foot, he said.

"A fastidious woman who never will wear other clothing more than a day will wear her shoes six months and keep them stored in a dark closet when she's not wearing them," the doctor chided.

"Men are worse because their shoes are almost without ventilation," he added.

To guard against fungus infection a person should change shoes at least twice a day and expose the unused pair to sunlight, Gamble advised.

PLAN TO PROMOTE DRIVERS TRAINING

For some years the Alberta Motor Association has been a staunch advocate of driver training in high schools. Its urgings have been made to provincial authorities while it has pointed to the steady development of the system in the U.S. where 150,000 students will graduate this year in courses instituted by educational authorities with the co-operation of the American Automobile Association.

While it was hoped that Alberta would adopt the course, even on an experimental basis this year, the department of education has given an adverse decision. It has left the matter in the hands of school boards to adopt such courses if they desire on an extra-curricular basis.

Some Alberta boards have indicated that they intend to go ahead with the courses on this new basis for test purposes next term. Also they are making preparations to send one or more teachers to the teacher training school which the A.A.A. will operate in Vancouver during August.

Reports from U.S. centres have shown conclusively that where such driver training courses are given in schools, there has been a noticeable reduction in motor accidents.

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U.S. MAY BUY ARMS FROM US

The United States may place orders with Canadian munitions plants, says The Financial Post. This it sees as one of the results of U.S. Defence Secretary Forrestal's visit to Ottawa. States the Post: "We've a stockpile of arms sufficient for our own immediate needs and we've a surplus which we feel could be usefully diverted to the Western European trouble spot. Ottawa feels it should be diverted. It feels, too, we should keep up our war potential in the factories."

"What we'd like from the United States is an agreement which would ensure that our factories are kept humming on an economic basis. In other words will the U.S. finance arms supplies to Western Europe from our factories. A figure of between \$200 millions and \$250 millions is mentioned in this regard—obviously a sizeable help to our dollar situation."

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FEWER BREAKDOWNS CAUSED BY FLAT TIRES

Car breakdowns due to flat tires decreased 18 percent between the 1st of 1943 and the end of 1947, according to reports received by officials of the Alberta Motor Association. An annual statistical survey undertaken by the American Automobile Association covered reports from 14,000 garages under contract to provide service for stranded members.

The drop in the number of breakdowns due to flat tires "undoubtedly" reflects the widespread replacement of war-weary rubber that took place as soon as new tires came on the market in large quantities, the report reveals.

The report added that the average motorist probably is more tire conscious now than he was before the war and is continuing those conservation practices learned of necessity. Battery failures, carburetor trouble, wrecked and tow calls, stuck cars and cars out of gas all increased in number in 1947 over the previous year.

Lock and key, starter and gas line cases also rose and there were almost a million more calls to service cars that were unable to move for miscellaneous reasons. Ignition trouble, like tire trouble, showed a decrease.

Officials of the A.M.A. emphasize that safe driving is easier on tires, while also reducing the number of accidents and less injury on highways.

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